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2nd meeting
held on
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at 9.30 a.m.
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(President of the General Assembly)

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The meeting was called to order at 9.50 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS (continued)

(a) REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM SUBMITTED BY PAKISTAN (A/47/244)

1. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider the request by Pakistan for the inclusion of an item entitled "Emergency assistance to Pakistan" (A/47/244). The representative of Pakistan had indicated his desire to address the Committee in connection with the item under rule 43 of the rules of procedure.

2. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Khan (Pakistan) took a place at the Committee table.

3. Mr. KHAN (Pakistan) said that he hoped that the Committee would approve his delegation's request for inclusion of the item in the agenda of the General Assembly for discussion in plenary meeting, in view of the critical situation now facing the victims of the recent flooding in Pakistan. He pointed out that there were no financial or budgetary implications for the Organization.

4. Miss AL-MULLA (Kuwait) said that her delegation supported the request of the representative of Pakistan and that her delegation would comment further during the discussion in plenary meeting.

5. The CHAIRMAN said that the representative of India had asked to speak under rule 43 of the rules of procedure. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to accede to that request.

6. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Sreenivasan (India) took a place at the Committee table.

7. Mr. SREENIVASAN (India) said that his delegation fully sympathized with Pakistan for the losses suffered recently on account of heavy rainfall in certain areas of that country. It supported the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda in order to enable the General Assembly to consider necessary measures to alleviate the sufferings of the people of Pakistan. It regretted, however, that the Permanent Representative of Pakistan had made an unwarranted reference in the explanatory memorandum annexed to his letter addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/244) to "Azad Jammu and Kashmir". He wished to place on record that there was no such entity, that Jammu and Kashmir constituted an integral part of India and that the reference in the memorandum was to that part of the State of Jammu and Kashmir which was under illegal occupation by Pakistan.

8. Mr. KHAN (Pakistan) thanked the delegation of India for its support. He would refrain from reiterating his Government's position on Jammu and Kashmir, which was well known, since the General Committee was not an appropriate forum for a discussion of such issues. The fact was that the devastation had occurred in that part of the world.

9. Mr. AL-MAKTARI (Yemen) said that his delegation supported the Pakistani request.

10. Mr. ALLAREY (Philippines) said that his delegation also fully endorsed the request, particularly in view of the fact that his own country was also suffering the consequences of a recent natural disaster. In that connection, his delegation would be submitting a similar request, together with an explanatory memorandum in accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure, for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the General Assembly, for discussion in plenary meeting.

11. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda.

12. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting on a priority basis.

13. Mr. Khan (Pakistan) and Mr. Sreenivasan (India) withdrew.

(b) REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (A/47/245)

14. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider the request by the Secretary-General for the inclusion of an item entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991" (A/47/245).

15. Mr. DELON (France) said that his delegation would not object to the request but regretted that the Secretary-General's note (A/47/245) had only been made available that morning.

16. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda.

17. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

The meeting rose at 10.05 a.m.

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GENERAL COMMITTEE
3rd meeting
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at 9.30 a.m.
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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 3rd MEETING

Chairman: Mr. GANEV
(President of the General Assembly)

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The meeting was called to order at 9.45 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS (continued)

Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Philippines (A/47/246)

1. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider the request by the Permanent Representative of the Philippines for the inclusion in the agenda of the General Assembly of an additional item entitled "Emergency assistance to the Philippines".

2. Mr. ALLAREY (Philippines) said that he wished to extend profound sympathy to the Government and people of Egypt over the recent tragedy in Egypt, which had led to loss of life and destruction of property.

3. Following the eruption of Mount Pinatubo volcano on 16 June 1991, lahar flows, flash floods and also typhoons continued to take a heavy toll on the lives and property of thousands of people in the Philippines, particularly those living in central Luzon. For that reason, his delegation requested the Committee to recommend the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Emergency assistance to the Philippines" in the agenda of the current session of the General Assembly and hoped that it would be given priority attention.

4. Mr. YENEL (Turkey) said that his delegation extended deep condolences to the victims of the devastating earthquake in Egypt.

5. His delegation supported the request made by the representative of the Philippines. The volcanic eruption and subsequent typhoons had caused great suffering and damage, and, although the Government of the Philippines had taken all possible measures to aid the affected people, there was a clear need for international assistance. His delegation therefore hoped that the Committee would support the request to include the item in the agenda so as to set the stage for mustering international support to aid the affected people.

6. Mr. PIRIZ (Uruguay) said that his delegation supported the very legitimate request made by the Permanent Representative of the Philippines.

7. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda.

8. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting on a priority basis.

The meeting rose at 9.55 a.m.

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GENERAL COMMITTEE
4th meeting
held on
Wednesday, 18 November 1992
at 9.30 a.m.
New York

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 4TH MEETING

Chairman: Mr. GANEV (Bulgaria)
(President of the General Assembly)

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The meeting was called to order at 9.50 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS (continued)

Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Russian Federation (A/47/247)

1. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider the request by the Russian Federation for the inclusion of an item entitled "Mass violations of human rights and freedoms in Latvia and Estonia" (A/47/247). As a result of intensive consultations, it had been proposed that the title of the item should be revised to read "The situation of human rights in Estonia and Latvia". He took it that the Committee wished to revise the title in accordance with the proposal.

2. It was so decided.

3. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item, as revised, in the agenda.

4. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be allocated to the Third Committee.

Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Nicaragua (A/47/248)

5. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider the request by Nicaragua for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "International assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Nicaragua: aftermath of the war and of natural disasters" (A/47/248).

6. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda.

7. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting on a priority basis.

Letter from Afghanistan (A/47/661)

8. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to a letter from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan containing a request that agenda item 141, entitled "Emergency international assistance for the reconstruction

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of war-stricken Afghanistan", should be considered directly in plenary meeting and not in the Second Committee (A/47/661).

9. The Committee decided, under rule 123 of the rules of procedure, to reconsider the question of the allocation of agenda item 141.

10. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

The meeting rose at 10 a.m.

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GENERAL COMMITTEE
5th meeting
held on
Friday, 20 November 1992
at 3 p.m.
New York

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 5th MEETING

Chairman: Mr. GANEV
(President of the General Assembly)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.35 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS (continued)

Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Spain, Uruguay and Venezuela (A/47/249 and Add.1)

1. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider the request by Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Spain, Uruguay and Venezuela for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Request for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice". He asked whether on the basis of consultations with all the delegations concerned he might take it that the General Committee wished to recommend the inclusion of the additional item.

2. Mr. DELON (France), Mr. MONGBE (Benin) and Mr. KALPAGE (Sri Lanka) said that their respective delegations had not been consulted on the proposal and therefore could take no position.

3. The CHAIRMAN said that the consultations had been held with the sponsors of the proposal, but that the General Committee could now be informed of their outcome.

4. Mr. DELON (France), supported by Mr. ZARIF (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Mr. MONGBE (Benin), proposed that the meeting should be suspended so that delegations other than the sponsors could be apprised of the situation.

5. Mr. KALPAGE (Sri Lanka) appealed to the Chairman to expedite a decision, since the Committee had already devoted much time to the question.

6. Mr. ELARABY (Egypt), supported by Mr. HAYES (Ireland), Mr. MOUMIN (Comoros) and Mr. KHOUINI (Tunisia), said that it would be preferable, before any suspension, for the Committee to be informed of the results of the consultations by one of the delegations concerned.

7. The CHAIRMAN, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, invited the representative of Spain to address the Committee.

8. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Yañez-Barnuevo (Spain) took a place at the Committee table.

9. Mr. YAÑEZ-BARNUEVO (Spain), speaking on behalf of the sponsors, said that they had not thought it necessary to make a formal introduction of the proposal since it had been the General Committee's practice to accede to all

(Mr. Yañez-Barnuevo, Spain)

requests for the inclusion of additional items submitted by Member States, in which connection the Committee would note that 21 Member States were sponsors of the proposal now before it. Nevertheless it seemed that some difficulties had arisen. Since the item, if included, would be allocated to the Sixth Committee, he suggested that the Chairman of that Committee might wish to comment.

10. Mr. ZARIF (Islamic Republic of Iran) said that the sponsors had agreed that the item, on inclusion, should be allocated to the Sixth Committee on the understanding that a consensus existed and that little time would be required for deliberation. He urged the General Committee to recommend the inclusion of the item and its allocation to the Sixth Committee.

11. Mr. WOOD (United Kingdom) said that while it was true that, in general, there was no difficulty in accepting the inclusion of additional items, the circumstances were somewhat exceptional in that an item of considerable difficulty and no great urgency was being proposed for inclusion very late in the session. His delegation would prefer the item not to be included in the agenda at the current session, in order to allow Member States adequate time to consider the issues involved. Nevertheless, in a spirit of compromise, he might well be able to accept some arrangement whereby the additional item was included at the current session. The meeting should be suspended so that delegations could hold informal consultations.

The meeting was suspended at 4 p.m. and resumed at 4.35 p.m.

12. The CHAIRMAN said that it was his understanding that the Committee was now in a position to act on the proposal.

13. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda.

14. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

The meeting rose at 4.40 p.m.

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GENERAL COMMITTEE
6th meeting
held on
Wednesday, 16 December 1992
at 9.30 a.m.
New York

SUMMARY RECC OF THE 6th MEETING

Chairman: Mr. AKSIN
(Vice-President of the General Assembly)

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS (continued)

REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM SUBMITTED BY MOROCCO AND SENEGAL (A/47/780 and Add.1)

1. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider the request by Morocco and Senegal for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Convening of an international conference on Somalia" (A/47/780 and Add.1).

2. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda.

3. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting on a priority basis.

The meeting rose at 10.05 a.m.